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Brooklyn Ct. July 21st 1837.

Br. Phelps,

I have been expecting you wd write to me ere this. I wish to hear fr you & your section of land; & as I only probable mode of gaining my object soon, I will now lay you under an obligation to write. I wish to make some inquiries, learn your own late history; & will tell you a little about myself. I find myself very pleasantly situated. This village is delightful in summer; it is embowered with elms & other shade trees; is very compact, neat &c. The peo- as a body, are intelligent, & independant; they are em- phatically a church going; & to considerable extent, a pious peo.. They are very kind; & are united & seem happy. Tho' during the last 10 years they have seen many troubles. They now rally around their ecclesiastical standard, & seem resolved to prosper. They have a character abroad of being a difficult peo- to please, & being of a criticising spirit, (this I don't think it is to much extent,) insomuch that some of the ministers in this Co. are rather reluctant to preach here, tho' most are quite fond enough of coming here.

I have 3 lawyers, two who seem to be very warm friends, & mine
& a young physician joined my church by letter
last communion season. We that your young lawyer
was a warm friend of orthodoxy &c. & their ministers.
6 joined my church, by profession & first Sab. in July. 12 joined on
& preceeding sacramental season when I was with them:
& several more are designing to make a profession
soon. This town is almost full of young ladies. Here are
a host of youth here attending school. We have had a poor
instructer in the academy last year, & still the number
has averaged 60 or 70. The trustees have concluded to
get a thorough going teacher, & make this school
one of the best in the state. May will probably work
hard for a Cambridge man; but we have a majority
of orthodox trustees, & I have this day got good recom-
mendations for the President & Profs. of Yale, of one of
this scholars in the Senior class. I think we shall
have a good pious teacher in time to come. If ever
they build an academy where you are, be sure & have
the orthodox pos- own most of the shares in the establish-
ment. We make some advance about our new meeting house.
Gallup & odd fish, in college with you, is now an assistant in this school, & a Universalist.

I find enough, & more than enough to do here. The peo. wish me to preach at home as much as possible, I have 3 services on ✝ Sab., & 4 days & other meetings, business for Co. 1 benevolent society & give me business enough. They will be here & fill a man's hands here. Thy put one of ✝ laboring oars of County Colonization & temperance soc. in my hands. We expect a gloomy day here make me Dir. of Co. temp. society.
on ✝ 1st Tuesday in August. Watkins will undoubtedly be executed here on the day, for murdering his wife. I am applied to by ✝ high Sheriff to preach to ✝ assembled Multitude on ✝ occasion. I dread ✝ task, & ✝ scene. The prisoner is one of ✝ most hardened men I ever saw; he is a shrewd, [redacted] vessel ignorant man; & is a universalist, or rather a uni[redacted] sceptic & seems resolved to brave ✝ terrors of death, [redacted] The Sup. Court of errors meets here next week, & his lawyers intend to intercede for him again; but there is no prospect of a respriev. We trust it is ✝ last public execution that is to take place in ✝ State. By a late law, future executions are to be private. Jewett is yet in Griswold. But his soc. & understand are becoming dissatisfied; they now begin to think he is not smart enough for them. Phinney is doing well in Hamden, 12 miles south of me. Platt is doing finely in Canterbury. How has been a great change there since a 4 days meeting about 6 weeks since

Ch: Grosvenor is the general agent of the Sab. Sch. Union of Ct. He is to visit me, & address my peo. to morrow evening. Jenkins of Falmouth was in Providence last Saturday & wd. have spent the Sab. with me; but he did not get a letter wh. I sent him at Providence. Leavenworth you know is married; I understand he will probably leave Bristol. The Soc. voted him no salary at the last annual meeting. I hear by Jenkins & see by the paper, that Mr Holmes of New Bedford has got his new orthodox Soc. started. Write me soon. Tell me how you flourish now - days. Is Perry about to settle in Mendon?

Hough, a fine man fr. N. H. Sem., whom I got to take my place, Sen at Mendon, in order to settle in the Co., is about to be ordained soon at Chaplin about 10 miles west of me. It is not our Classmate Howe, (i.e) "Howe & elephant". I have also recently obtained Orson Cowles to come to N. Killingly. So that we shall soon have 4 N. Haven preachers ~~[illegible]~~ in this Co., whereas there was but 1, viz Platt, before I came. Francis called on me to day. He is to be ordained in Dudley Mass. the 24th of August, — He will be about 18 or 20 miles north of me. That is the town where Lawton teaches school. ~~[illegible]~~ has 500 dollars salary: not a pleasant Soc. The L. will gradually keep them fr. dividing thro' unitarianism. Dickinson is preaching in Dr. Hawes pulpit with much commendation.

Yours G. J. Tillotson

Windham, Ct
July 26
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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
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Mass.

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How do Baldwin & Lee flourish? Is Lee about to be married? Have you had a 4 days meeting yet? How do the pro- prosper in Mendon & Milford. You lost considerably by not being in Uxbridge at the 4 days meeting. It was an interesting scene. Remember me to Mr P. your dearest, & also to your mother, [illegible] me soon. G. J. Tillotson